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Remarks

The Office Action mailed May 5, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-20 are subject to an election/restriction requirement. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is respectfully requested.

A restriction to either Group I, consisting of claims 1-2 drawn to a method using a turbine ratemeter, classified in Class 222, subclass 14, or Group II, consisting of claims 3-5, drawn to a method of operating a dishwasher sensing a current, classified in class 134, subclass 18, or Group III, consisting of claims 6-9, drawn to a method of operating a dishwasher by monitoring at least one operating during the first cycle to detect an underfill condition, classified in Class 134, subclass 25.2, or Group IV, consisting of claims 10-20, drawn to a dishwasher, classified in Class 134, subclass 56D, was imposed. In response, Applicants confirm the election with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group IV, claims 10-20.

The requirement for election is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I, II, III, and IV are clearly related. Applicants submit that a thorough search and examination of either Group would be relevant to the examination of the other Group and would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. 121. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

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